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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 129427

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TAGS: SREM, CU, US, CVIS

SUBJECT: EXIT ROUTES OF CUBAN REFUGEES

REF: A) 77 STATE 008117 (NOTAL) B) 77 HAVANA 411 (NOTAL)

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